



# 2-Wide 2-Heavy

## The Newsletter of Olveston & District Bowling Club

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### The Chairman's Message

Here we are at the end of another season, over so quickly but one that in the main had good weather. Club members enjoyed a number of great successes in competitions and leagues which I'm sure will be detailed later in this edition. Congratulations to all that took part but especially to those that won their respective comps and leagues. We also had a full programme of Friendlies with only a few cancelled by the opposition for various reasons but in the main their inability to get enough players. A bit worrying as some clubs are really struggling for numbers. I'm pleased that we were able to put out the expected rinks even if it meant the occasional last minute WhatsApp plea for an additional player or two. Incidentally, WhatsApp has been a great success for information posting so thanks to Ian Gauld for suggesting and setting it up. Club Night, too, was very popular and very well supported all season and thanks to Ian and Tricia for turning up each Monday evening to get us organised.

It's pleasing to see how well new members recruited over the last year, or two, have become a key part of the club. A number of them are already playing really well and I'm sure will be pushing for honours in the coming season(s) which is great to see but is a credit to our coaches who, not only, offered the coaching course in April and May but who also made themselves available for individual coaching (many times) throughout the season.

A number of events have already been planned for the closed season; short mat, quiz, race night and a presentation evening. Others may be added and I know John and Jan Paton are considering a weekly cribbage afternoon if there's enough support for it so, please talk to John or Jan if you're interested as beginners to cribbage are welcomed as I know from personal experience. Reminders will be posted for each event.

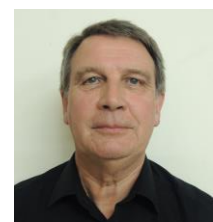
Of course, the big event for your calendar is the AGM. Held on fireworks night this year (how apt) so please come along and help shape the way forward for the club. Your opinion and votes matter and does influence the Management Committee. Before the day there's still an opportunity to add your name to the nominations sheets to take on a post within the club. Volunteers are always needed for a whole raft of tasks and you may be able to help in some way. Don't be put off if a name is already nominated for a particular post there's always space for more as competition is healthy and 'job share' is always an option. In particular several key posts need filling; Ladies Captain and the Men's and Ladies Vice Captains and Ladies 'C' Team League Manager.

Not shown on the sheets are the posts appointed by the Management Committee and there's a couple of gaps on that list. If you feel you'd like to take on one of the vacancies or just initially find out more without commitment speak to a member of the MC. Vacancies currently exist for Catering Manager(s) and a Chair for the Social Committee.

Thanks to you all for your contribution to a great season and I shall look forward to seeing you at the AGM and at the out of season events. Roll on April.

Geoff Cook

Chairman



## Our President's Message

Where have the last few months gone? There I was enjoying myself as President and now, in a few weeks' time I am heading to be cashiered, stripped of all regalia of rank and thrown back into being a member again.

My year has been amazing, the help and support that has been shown to myself and Jan and to my charity, (comment from Susie, Macular Society follows) is beyond comment and I cannot thank you all enough

The club has had a very enjoyable and successful season, both in friendlies and in competitions (as seen in our trophy cabinet), long may this situation continue.

Message from Susie McCallum, Macular Fund-raising team.

*Community & Events Fundraising Manager at the Macular Society, would like to thank John Paton and all the members of the bowling club for the wonderful donation of £1,600. As you may know, macular degeneration is the main cause of sight loss in the UK today. Your donation will help to fund the research that will lead to better treatments and, ultimately, a cure for this devastating condition. In the meantime, we provide a huge number of services to enable people to live as independently as possible.*

*Thank you again John*

*Best wishes*

*Susie*

**Susie McCallum**, Macular Society Community & Events Fundraising Manager

A Happy Winter and good bowling to you all.

John Paton.

PS. After the AGM, if you can't think of anything else, you might like to call me Mr Past It President.



## Treasurer's Update

You will recall that in the last edition of 2W2H I promised that there will be a prize at the AGM for the person (except for Ian Curtis!) who has the nearest guess for the number of Crusty Loaf pies, pasties and pizza slices etc enjoyed by the mid-week league teams this season.

Well - if you wish to have a go at then please supply your answer, together with your name, by email to our Secretary Nigel Cloke ([odbcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:odbcsecretary@gmail.com)) before the end of October.

You will have to be at the AGM to claim the prize. Good Luck.

Kevin Dann

Treasurer



## Fixtures Review

Well, it doesn't seem like just 6 months ago that we were getting excited for the new season, and now it's over! How many games did you play this year? You had the opportunity to play in over 100 friendlies (mixed, men only and ladies only) as well as over 20 Club Nights and about a dozen other events where you could play. Considering our membership fee that's around £1 a game. Even less if you play in any of the 11 leagues that we are represented in. Great value, I think. We won't talk about the inevitable bar bill though, will we?

I hope that you have enjoyed the friendlies that you have played. I shall be looking at feedback on these and reviewing which clubs we play next year. There may be some that disappear from the list but, hopefully, some new ones that may appear. If you have any personal thoughts on any clubs that we do, or do not, play then please get in touch.

Whether you are spending the next 6 months playing bowls indoors or having a break from bowls altogether, enjoy and I'll see you back on the green in April.

Steven Wharram

Fixtures Secretary

## Rink Diary Update

As I have said previously, next season, we will stop using the online sign-up sheets and the paper rink booking sheets that we have been using post-Covid. Instead, we will be changing to a new, dedicated, fully online system called 'Rink Diary'.

You will have a unique account to logon with, so that rink booking confirmations and team selections come to you directly. It will also mean that this information will be available to you in one place. I realise that you will have received an email earlier in the season when I started to populate the system with members details. This information will be made available for you again when we start, so there's no need to find that email.

I propose to make access to 'Rink Diary' available to you in the New Year. In that way, you won't start learning to use it then not have the opportunity to use it for real. Look out for email updates in the New Year.

A rough outline of the timetable for rolling this out to everybody, is as follows:

- Between now and Christmas I will be working on the guides and instructions for you to use. I will also be putting together some training that can be done at the club.
- During January and February, I will make the guides and training available
- During this period, I will also be populating the membership and rink booking information
- At the Club's Spring Meeting (in early March) I will remind you that you can start to book friendlies
- During March and onwards into the season, you can then start to sign up for friendlies and book rinks

Training and advice will not stop then. Help and assistance will be available on an ongoing basis for people needing reminders or for new people joining the Club.

Please, do not worry if you think that this is going to stop you booking rinks or signing up for games. It won't. I am going to ensure that there are sufficient people to help everybody. In addition to the guides and instructions, and face to face training sessions, there will be buddies who will be able to show you what to do or, if needed, will even be able to make bookings for you.

If you want to talk about any aspect of this then please feel free to get in touch.

Steven Wharram

Fixtures Secretary

## Maintenance & Facilities Update

### Major Event

Earlier in September the Club took delivery of an additional Shipping Container.

Work had started towards the end of August to prepare the site for the additional container with the team moving the roller store and chemical store after first preparing the ground on the building side of the existing container. Thanks for the help from David Durham. We set out the new site and helped by Geoff Jones, foundations were installed. The existing container then received two coats of paint.

After first purchasing the container, contact was made with the owner of the access field behind the paddock and a delivery was scheduled for the week after the Club Tour. Our plans were then totally changed when the weather forecast predicted heavy rain just before the proposed delivery day and the delivery was brought forward to the previous week. Rapid changes were made to our plans and we were fortunately prepared for the lorry by 8 o'clock on delivery day.

The lorry arrived on schedule and after escorting it through the gates and trees behind the cricket pitch it was very quickly positioned next to the site. In no time at all the container was lifted high in the air and with little ceremony positioned "inch-perfect" on the prepared site. Thanks to Trevor, Ken and Steve for the early start and helping to point their fingers as the highly skilled driver needed little assistance although it might have been different if we hadn't been prepared.

With the completion of stage one of this project we are now underway with the external painting, rebuilding the paddock fence and gates, building a ramp, framing, insulating and lining the inside, installing power and lights and decorating the container to eventually become long-term dry, secure and safe storage. We are planning to complete well before the start of next season.



## Business as usual

As well as the storage project, the routine work of the maintenance team will continue and our immediate tasks include preparing the whole site for winter with cleaning drying and storing the gazebos, rationalising and maintaining our outdoor seating and cleaning the gutters and paved areas. Hedge cutting will continue throughout the autumn.

Our planned work for the winter will include a number of repairs to decoration, installing the new IT equipment, enhancements to storage in the cellar, completion of the decorating in the Ladies toilet and re-decorating the changing rooms and their toilets. There will be numerous small repair and improvement jobs and always time in the work-plan to have a chat and a cup of coffee.

The maintenance team operates throughout the year on Monday and Friday mornings and work closely with the greenkeeping team to maintain and enhance the Club facilities that make all our activities safe, enjoyable and in keeping with one of the best bowling facilities in the region. Please consider helping us by contacting me to have a chat about how we can use your talents.

Bob Phillips



## Men's A Team Review – Joe Hardwick

This season the A team finished 3rd in the B&D first division, it was another great season with some amazing bowls being played but we were unlucky to miss out with GB's taking the title.

Thanks for all the players who have made themselves available for the Thursday night league over the last few months.

Hopefully we can look to regain the title next year.

Cheers

Joe

## Men's B Team Review – Ian Barton

All in all it has been a pretty good season for the B Team, regaining our NE Division 1 League Title for the 3rd time in 4 seasons with a record number of points (161) having only lost 1 game all season. In 2021, we lost 2 games and lost the League by 2 points. In 2019 we lost 1 game and won the League with 150 points. In 2018 we won the League and lost 2 games so in 4 seasons, we have lost 6 games out of a total of 72. B Team players also played their part in winning the Clarence Davey and the Lloyd Trophy for the Club. A total of 34 members played in the League this season so well done to all, especially our newer members, who hopefully gained some useful league experience.

Finally, a special mention to Alan (fruity) Lambourne, who played all 18 games in the League and finished unbeaten, winning 17 and drawing 1. Well done Fruity.

Cheers

Badger

## Men's D Team Review – Rob Galpin

It was great to be back on the green playing competitive bowls and with only a couple of fixtures affected by inclement weather. Our wet weather gear stayed stowed away in our bags as we soaked up the evening sunshine.

We had a successful season winning 8 and drawing 1 of our 14 matches and attaining third position in the league - our best ever position.

We beat the eventual winners Severn Vale A away from home which was pleasing and demonstrated the strength throughout the squad.

29 members of the club played for the D team this season of which 7 members are new to league bowls and who acquitted themselves very well. They will be a great asset to the club in coming seasons.

We do of course rely upon the strength in depth of the club and in particular those members who are not automatic picks but have waited for and taken their opportunity to play during the season. A particularly big thank you them.

Steve Gregory played in every match except one and a mention must be made for Eric Fairweather who showed that his appetite for the game and competitive spirit continued to enable him to play a vital part in many of our successes.

There are several changes to teams in Division 3 that the club will meet next season, since the league secretary is balancing the number of clubs in each division.

Thank you to all those who have played for the D team and made the matches an enjoyable experience to look forward to each Thursday.

Rob Galpin

Manager D Team

## Ladies League C Team Review – Brenda Cook

The Ladies that have played in League 3 this Season have been absolutely amazing.

Despite a few setbacks they've turned out every week rain or shine and played their socks off.

It didn't seem to matter if as a team we were winning or not they've been an absolute pleasure to be with.

Always positive that particular week would be the one we got the 8 points. Ok it obviously didn't happen as often as we would have liked but that didn't seem to deter them.

A few of our newer members also joined us and have proved they are more than capable to be playing in the league. At the end of the season we finished 7th in the League.

I would like to thank Audray for coming and supporting us at our home games. It was very much appreciated. And also, the ladies stepped in and played when needed. We certainly couldn't have done it without you.

So well done and thank you to everyone who's played for this team during the Season.

Your League Manager is very proud of you.

Bren

## South Cotswold League B Team Review

Team discipline was strictly observed as usual in the latest photo-shoot showing some of the squad celebrating their victory as Champions of Division 4 South Cotswold League together with trophy. Three trying to go incognito with shades...

The record shows what a great season it was!

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Flipper (Phil Tellwright)



## Gloucestershire County League Review

This League, otherwise known as the Gloucester Bowls Sunday League, is a 2-rink competition with teams drawn from across the Gloucestershire Bowling Association area. The 2022 season comprised 44 teams from 27 different clubs which were split into 5 divisions with each team playing all the other teams in their respective division once during the season, either home or away. There are no reverse fixtures.

During the last season ODBC had an A Team, managed by Lawrence Oliver in Division 2 and a B Team, managed by Robert Harris in Division 4. The B Team had been promoted from the previous season.

The League commenced in early May with defeats for both of our teams, initially the B Team at home to Avonvale and the A Team away at Bishop's Cleeve A the following week.

However, by the end of the season this had all been turned round so that the A Team finished having won 6 of their 7 matches and the B Team 6 of their 9. A very notable point here is that the A Team won all of their last 3 games by the score of 6 – 0 to finish the season in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Division 2 and thereby gain promotion into Division 1 for the 2023 season. The B Team ended the season in a very creditable 4<sup>th</sup> place in Division 4.

Should the structure of the League in 2023 remain basically the same as 2022, then the A Team will be competing in an extremely strong Division with the top teams from clubs such as Cheltenham, Gloucester City, Frampton and Cam Mills for example forming the opposition.

All the players who formed the teams in 2022 seemed to really enjoy themselves and playing bowls at 10.00am on a Sunday morning following tea or coffee and, regularly, a bacon roll is a really exhilarating experience.

Both Lawrence and Robert would like to sincerely thank all those players who took part in 2022 and are very much looking forward to it all starting again in May next year. Also, special thanks must be extended to Jean Lambourne and Sue Harris for the bacon roll production line that operated so well at all our home games.

Robert Harris & Lawrence Oliver

## Mid-Week Friendly Review

I am pleased to report that the mid-week friendly matches have been very well supported by members this year with 87 members making themselves available during the season. Some members played just one game others many, many more.

I would like to thank all members who supported the mid-week games this year for their commitment, enthusiasm, and continued support, we managed to field 117 rinks during the season- a great achievement-but we could have fielded more. As expected, we had high numbers of members looking for a game in the early part of the season and when the league seasons finished with 30 plus members being available on a regular basis at these times. I have commented previously on the need going forward for the club to be playing teams who can fill 5/6 rinks, along with the idea of incorporating two smaller clubs, giving them say 3 rinks each on the same day, so we get a 6-rink match. I am hopeful that this will start to come to fruition next season.

As well as being very well supported the team has had a very successful season with a shot scored total of plus 484

We were due to play 28 games this year, we actually played 26 as two teams cancelled being unable to raise a team. For other teams we supplied our members to make up their numbers-this happened on 5 occasions this year. I would like to thank the members who agreed to play for the opposition thereby giving a game of bowls to Olveston members who otherwise would have not got a game.



Stats

Played 26 won 23 lost 3.

shots scored plus 484

Rinks won 77, rinks drawn 4, rinks lost 36 (total 117)

I would encourage any member, but especially new members to make themselves available when they can next year-you will get a game of bowls in a very friendly and supportive team environment -yes, we like to win but that's not the be all and end all -it's the experience of meeting bowlers from other clubs, playing at different grounds and having some real fun- come join us!!

Bob Emery

Mid-Week Friendlies Team Manager

## Ladies Captains Review – Brenda Cook

**Captain Cook has really enjoyed her Season as Ladies Captain.**

Everyone has been so supportive and helpful from Scully Maid Fensome to first mate Leach and in no particular order the cabin boys Grant, Greenman, Harper, Beddoes, Greenslade, Pleass, also Hall and Drysdale who often jumped on board as we were leaving the dock.

If you're not mentioned above this means you were no trouble to your Captain as you must have kept your head down or I didn't see you that much. Yes, I know some of you went AWOL on a couple of Sailings but in the scale of things I'm willing to overlook that.

**The Captains Day was absolutely lovely.**

There was me all season thinking I'm in charge of a cruise liner then on Captains Day you all turned up as pirates 😬. I couldn't believe how you all managed to keep the activities / plans for the afternoon so quiet (when you usually can't wait to pass things on).

I'm still traumatised from walking the plank. Thank goodness the water wasn't any deeper than my ankles. You all generously help raise £470 for Brain Tumour Support which was amazing. Thank you.

We were joined on Captains Day by previous ladies that no longer Bowl but still remain interested in the club. It was great to see everyone joining in especially the newer ladies that started this season they have come into the club with so much energy and enthusiasm it's great to see. I think it's safe to say the club will go from strength to strength with this kind of support.

Thank you each and every one of you.

From

Bren (Captain Cook). Who has now jumped overboard!





## Club Finals Weekend

The Competition Secretaries would like to congratulate all the winners and also thank everyone who helped during finals weekend in any capacity, including markers, scorers, acting umpires, those that put the equipment out, helped with food provision, manned the bar and helped tidy up afterwards. Also, thanks to John Paton for presenting the prizes and to Nigel for taking photographs.

<b>Competition</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Winner/s</b>
Ken Worsley Trophy	Over 65 4 bowls	Ted Mangan
Paul Bryant Trophy	Mixed 3 bowl triples	Vicarage: Tom Ellis (Captain) Jeff Cooper Jan Lee Cooper George Hunter Laura Hunter Gary Jones Dave Perkins Ted Mangan
Colonel Turner Trophy	Men's 3 bowl singles	Alan Lambourne
Fred White Challenge Cup	Mixed 4 bowl pairs	Charlie Bye Sue Latham
Captain Salmon Challenge Cup	Men's 4 bowl pairs	Bob Emery Paul Leadbeater
Audray Worsley Sapphire Trophy	Women's 3 bowl pairs	Di Pleass Linda Chappell
Mary Norris President's Trophy	Women's Novice 4 bowl singles	Christine Bradley
Fred Mayor Trophy	Men's 4 bowl handicap singles	Phil Tellwright
Mary Norris Cup	Women's 2 bowl singles	Annie Muldoon
Two Wood Trophy	Men's 2 bowl singles	Chris Blake
James Ritchie Millennium Trophy	Mixed 4 bowl singles	Rob Smith
William Davis Canning Cup	Men's Championship	Ted Mangan
Frank Bennett Cup	Women's Championship	Sue Latham
Major Basil Mundy Trophy	Ladies' 4 bowl pairs	Di Pleass Sue Wilkins
Sid Hagger President's Trophy	Men's Novice 4 bowl singles	Chris Roberts
Tom Ellis Plate	Men's 4 bowl singles	Lawrence Oliver
Jack Drysdale Champion of Champions Trophy	Women's Champ v Men's Champ	Sue Latham







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# External Competition Update – Ian Gauld

## BSA Floodlit League

The floodlit league concluded on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Sixteen members played in the five matches with all five matches being won. Over the five matches, six rinks were won, two drawn and two lost along with a positive shot difference of thirty-five shots and with the twenty-four points achieved we successfully defended the League title. Playing under floodlights is very different and the BSA green certainly proved challenging, so well done to all of those who participated and thanks for the support.

## External successes

Once again, it's been a very successful season for our Club.

Four of our male members (Chris Blake, Paul Bryant, Ian Gauld & Joe Hardwick) were in the Gloucestershire Middleton Cup side that reached the National semi-finals and two (Ian Gauld & Joe Hardwick) were in the Gloucestershire Balcomb Trophy side that also reached the National semi-finals.

Three of our women (Sue Latham, Fran Stockford & Jan Lee-Cooper) were in the GBA John's Trophy and Sue Latham was reserve in the Walker Cup.

2022 Roll of Honour

BE National Club Two Fours Area winner (last 32)

BE National Top Club Area finalist (last 64) - we lost to the Champions of England 😞

BE National Senior Singles Area winner (last 32): Sue Latham

BE National Senior Pairs Area finalists: Sue Latham (and Val Osmond, Henleaze)

GBA County Challenge Cup finalist

GBA County Two Bowl Singles finalist: Paul Bryant

GBA County Pairs winners: Chris Blake & Ian Gauld

GBA County Triples finalists: Chris Blake, Dave Wiggall, Ian Gauld

GBA County Fours finalists: Lawrence Oliver, Alan Tregoning, Paul Bryant, Ian Gauld

GBA County Mixed Pairs finalists: Andy Locke, Sue Latham

GBA County Singles finalist: Fran Stockford

GBA County Two Bowl Singles finalist: Sue Latham

GBA County Senior Fours finalists: Gill Hall, Fran Stockford, Jan Lee-Cooper, Sue Latham

C&CBBA Inter-Club Championship Winner

C&CBBA Two Bowl Singles winner: Steve Wharram

C&CBBA Singles winner: Rob Smith

C&CBBA Singles finalist: Chris Blake

C&CBBA Pairs winners: Jack Drysdale, Ted Mangan

C&CBBA Pairs finalists: Chris Blake, Ian Gauld

C&CBBA Triples finalists: John Veasey, Chris Bentley, Rob Smith



NEBBL Two Bowl Singles finalist: Steve Wharram

NEBBL Singles finalist: Ken Tudor

NEBBL Triples winners: Tony Iles, Ian Barton, Rob Smith

B&DMBL Lloyd Trophy Winners

NEBBL Division 1 Winners

SCL Division 4 Winners

BSA Floodlit League Winners





## Green Report – John Arrowsmith

The season started very well when we announced that we were having two open mornings so that members could come along and try their hand at cutting the green. To our surprise seven individuals came along and all were adept at handling the machinery and generally cutting in a straight line. This has meant that I can now call on members to help out when the regular cutters are not available.

Each new season brings along different problems on the green and this year we had two major problems, a leatherjacket infestation and extremely high temperatures. The leatherjackets did cause quite a lot of damage initially but with some judicious treatment the problem was gradually held in check. The left overs can now be seen popping out of the ground as crane flies (daddy long legs). The high temperatures occurred over two longish periods which caused a lot of dry patches over one half of the green. Once they occur it can take a while for the grass to recover even if you get a reasonable amount of rain but the rain was very sparse so the Toro watering system had to be used more than normal. The effect is never as good as natural rain. However, our green was far better than the majority of other greens we played on. Even now the dry patches have not completely gone.

The watering of the green is a perennial bone of contention with some of the players within the club who would like the green to become super-fast. This did occur on a lot of other greens in the surrounding area but only at the expense of the grass seriously dying back. This is not in my remit.

This is the time of year when we do some serious work on the green in an effort to try and improve the behaviour of the green, this is a gradual process. The first action is to scarify the whole area to remove as much thatch as possible. A few weeks ago, we had the levels on the green measured. This shows us where there are high spots and low spots and where there are significant changes in levels we can gradually infill with top dressing for the low areas and hollow tine in the high areas. It is not possible to make the green completely flat because there is too much of a slope from the far side to the clubhouse side of around 50mm (2in). Throughout the winter months we still need to do work on the green, such as the occasionally cut at 8mm, daily removal of worm casts and dew and regularly checking for any deceases.

All members are probably aware that the rink positions are moved three times a week, alternating between away from the clubhouse and across parallel to the clubhouse. In addition, each move requires the rinks to be set up on a different colour position. This means that each rink position is only played on seven or eight times in a season. The reason for this is to reduce wear and stop runs forming. However, there are some rink positions which are used far more than the average. This is generally for the more important team competitions such as the Lloyd trophy, Clarence Davey, Top Club, Inter Club etc. which is reasonable. What I do not consider reasonable is the rinks being turned around for individual outside competitions.

Finally, I must thank all the members who have worked on the green this season they have taken a lot of pressure off me to the extent that all I really do now is supervise and advise.

John Arrowsmith (Green Manager)



## Monday Night is Club Night

This has proved to be another successful year with lots of new members coming along and joining in. The Sponsor Nights were once again popular and well attended.

Thanks

Tricia & Ian

## Summer Lotto Bonus Ball

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Week 20 – 20 August 22 – No 38 – Ian Barton

Week 21 – 27 August 22 – No 19 – John Arrowsmith

Week 22 – 3 September 22 – No 6 – Ted Mangan

Week 23 – 10 September 22 – No 9 – Roger Bignell

Week 24 – 17 September 22 – No 15 – Graham Morris

Thanks

Tricia & Ian

## Umpire's Corner – Jamie Campbell

Well as another outdoor season comes to a close, I would like to thank all the members who attended the Marking and Measuring sessions and hope you found them beneficial. The EBUA is always looking for new Markers for the various County and National Competitions, so if you fancy marking at these levels you will need to attend an EBUA Markers Awareness Course (MAC).

There are usually two or three courses scheduled during the winter months and will be posted here: <https://www.ebua.org.uk/copy-of-workshops> , or you can contact me and I will let you know when they are scheduled.

By the time the next outdoor season starts the 'little red book' Crystal Mark 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition will be replaced as the review of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, undertaken at the Biennial WB Council Meeting on 7th August 2022 approved the Crystal Mark Fourth Edition.

No need to wait for the hard copy to be distributed, as you can download a copy of the Laws and the associated changes document from the link below:

[http://www.worldbowls.com/laws-umpiring/laws-of-the-sport/?fbclid=IwARODgWhm5v3l8a-dOxIRjheAHqEYfoZD1OFJoFYAtb\\_04wcXeEpFhnTpYSQ](http://www.worldbowls.com/laws-umpiring/laws-of-the-sport/?fbclid=IwARODgWhm5v3l8a-dOxIRjheAHqEYfoZD1OFJoFYAtb_04wcXeEpFhnTpYSQ)

There has already been a great deal of discussion about some of the changes in this new edition and World Bowls have already had to publish a clarification for one of them that has also led to an article in Bowls International's November edition.

It relates to Law 37.1 Deliberate Bowl Displacement, have a read and see what you think.

If you have any questions about the Laws of the Sport, please feel free to email me at [tracy2jamie@virginmedia.com](mailto:tracy2jamie@virginmedia.com)

Jamie Campbell



As always, I would like to thank my fellow Club Coaches, Alan Lambourne, Jean Lambourne, Trevor Graham, David Wiggell and John Paton for the commitment given to the development of our Club's bowlers during the season. It was also great to see Annie Muldoon joining the Coaching Team as she works towards her Level 1 Coaching Badge

2022 has yet again been another busy season on the coaching front, with at least **57 Members** having received some form of formal coaching from the team and in the region of **24 Non-Members** having had some coaching by way of "Bowls Taster" sessions or the "Big Bowls Weekend" event.

If you add up the hours of coaching the team have delivered over the course of the season, it is quite a considerable amount of their time

We have delivered:

- **"Bowls What's It All About"** – A presentation delivered by myself and our National Umpire, Jamie Campbell, on various aspects of the sport, from the structure of bowls, the competitions, rules and etiquette, which was attended by around 40 Members.
- **"Back to Basics"** This popular session held at the very start of the season to get the delivery back into action, had circa 30 Members take to the Green.
- **"4 Week - Beginners Course"** The course was attended by 28 people new to the sport, of which 23 are now Club Members.
- **"Bowls Big Weekend"** This National, Bowls England incentive, gave us the opportunity to hold an Open Morning for non-members, where some 17 people turned up to get a taster of the sport. A good proportion of those that attended, are now on the waiting list to join the Club and take up the sport.
- **"Development Sessions"** Several group sessions have been provided, where requested, to help develop existing players, in various aspects of the sport, from basic delivery analysis, to more technical areas, such as game management, communication, Head Reading, shot play etc.
- **"1-2-1 Coaching"** Various individual coaching sessions have been delivered, where requested.

I would like to thank everyone who has attended a session, for your enthusiasm and desire to develop your skills and understanding of the sport. It has been greatly encouraging to see so many people wanting to get better at the sport and it has been very rewarding for us as coaches, to see that development play out on the Green throughout the season.

As a Club we are very fortunate to have so many experienced and willing Club Coaches on hand to give up their time to help those who wish to improve. Remember, if you would like some help to develop your game, or iron out some problems you might be encountering, your Coaching Team are here to help, you only have to ask.

**Ken Tudor**  
**Olveston & District Bowls Club**  
**Lead Coach**



## Bar Update – Derek Olive

The bar continues to show a healthy income. The rota has seen a few no shows, but a few key members are always on hand to step in as and when required.

Gem continues to be lively, but it really can be poured successfully. If you are one of the few who have issues then do feel free to join me on any shift and get some practice and tips in. It is a bit like bowling. When you have a bad day, it is usually the greens' fault, but when you fully understand the basics, you can normally adapt!

Inches (and Gem) were particularly affected by the period of extreme heat, but use of the air conditioning unit in the cellar tended to compensate to a large degree.

Some kind member(s) continue to feel the need to alter valves and switches which does cause issues with draught delivery. Please do try to resist the urge! If you really feel that something is wrong then just phone me up and check!

We will be moving from draught to bottled beers and lagers for the winter season to avoid excess wastage. We will also move to single serve wine bottles for the winter. 75cl wine bottles will still be available to buy "by the bottle" for social events, but should not be opened unless a full bottle is being purchased – No wine by the glass please!

There will be a list of all those who have done at least one shift available on the bar at the AGM and I would ask that you either score yourself out if you don't want to do it again, or add yourself in if you are prepared to have a go. The more we have on the rota the fewer shifts each person needs to do!

This has been an interesting year with so many more involved and, generally, I feel it has been successful and I will be repeating the rota system next year.

Thanks to all for your help, support and money!



## Club Tour Review – Derek Olive

On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, early in the morning as the birds began to sing, a vast green chariot emerged from the morning haze to carry 40 members on the adventure of a lifetime!

With bags stacked in the hold we departed, ON TIME, for the sunny heights of Totnes.

Having paused for coffee and comfort at a very salubrious establishment at the side of the motorway, we arrived at Totnes Railway Station via an interesting and completely unnecessary circular route of the town! We proceeded to leave our bowls bags at Totnes Bowling Club and walk to the Totnes Conservative Club where we were to be fed and watered. It turned out that our contact there had fallen out with the committee and our arrival and requirements were only noted at the last minute! However, their dash to Iceland gave us a beige buffet to be proud of! The afternoon turned hot and sunny with a clear blue sky allowing us to play a full and fun game of bowls followed by drinks & friendship in the bar.

Off to the hotel in Plymouth and our first evening meal. The hotel was very accommodating with good facilities, and the evening meal was enjoyed by all. Mike Boville spoiled the plan to re-affle a bottle of Chateau Neuf de Pape by



opening the “wine safe” that it had been locked in with unbelievable ease. Fortunately, with a new bottle purchased the next day locked back in, the safe beat everyone else until the last day!

Saturday saw us spending the morning in the markets of Tavistock before heading into Tavistock Sir Francis Drake Bowling Club. As we started to bowl the heavens opened! The first half lasted some 8 or 9 ends before a call to tea and dryness was heard and responded to. For some reason the captains believed that the rain had eased during the break and decided to send us all out again, only to be recalled some 3 ends later absolutely soaked to the skin! The membership of Tavistock BC, however, were not to be defeated and we were regaled by a fine speech, and a Jethro impersonation act from a 90+ year old member! The fun and friendship were exactly what the tour was all about.

Saturday evening saw Bob Sewley and Jiff Roberts entertain us with a mixture of quizzing, challenges and alcohol which was much enjoyed by all those taking part.

After a bright and breezy Sunday morning spent in Plymouth, many exploring The Hoe, we headed off to Plymouth Sir Frances Drake Bowling Club. Here we managed a full game of bowls in the dry, apart from 2 rinks who were somewhat slow and caught 5 minutes of rain at the end. Once again, the membership hosting us were incredible and we even had a sing along with guitarist to try and make us forget that the rain was teaming down outside and we had yet to walk to the bus!

After a respectful request to the Chef at the hotel to cook the vegetables for an extra 5 minutes, the final evening meal was much enjoyed.

A military operation started at 08:50 on Monday morning to get the bags into the hold of the coach in the right order for disembarking at the other end, and we not only succeeded, but we left on time!

A short stop at the services and we were on our way to sunny Burnham-on-Sea and seven miles of golden sand viewed from the Esplanade (or from Wetherspoons according to who we are talking about). Arrival at the BBC (Burnham Bowling Club) was as eventful as all our journeys due to the unique customer service ethos of our driver!

The afternoon stayed fine, and another full game of bowls was enjoyed by all, including the arrival and landing of the Air Ambulance just a few hundred yards away! The day was completed once again with drinks and friendship in the club house, including a wonderful fish & chip supper which was shipped in for us to enjoy. The coach was apparently stopped by the police for reversing out of the road in which the Bowls Club is, and the driver advised that they would be contacting the Council and the Club to prevent coaches using the road in future!

During the whole weekend Trevor Williams acted as Fine Fellow, and with various raffles and other donations the members on tour were able to raise in excess of £170 for our President’s charity.

My thanks to Roger Houston, Nigel Cloke, and Bob Philips who acted as Day Captains and to Kevin Dann for paying all the bills.

Lastly, my thanks to all members who signed up and joined what was, I think we all agree, an enjoyable and memorable tour.





















## My Presidential Year with the City & County of Bristol BA – Derek Severs

It is doubtful that you will have noticed but in September 2019 I had a bit of a purple patch with my bowling and with confidence restored somewhat, I decided to put my name forward as a candidate to join the very vacant Presidential ladder of the City & County of Bristol Bowling Association. I thought there would be a reaction – Good God, we don't want that chap! – but there was no other nomination and as a result I moved straight into the position of Senior Vice President, supporting President Chris Harris of St. Annes BC. Then all the restrictions imposed by the Covid outbreak resulted in the match programme for two whole seasons being completely wiped out. Chris kindly stepped aside and allowed me to become President for 2022 and I took on his proposed tour of the Isle of Wight.

I am so grateful it all worked out in such a pleasant manner because, in the twilight of my bowls career, I have had a really marvellous summer. Having beaten Bristol Indoor by 1 shot in January we started the outdoor season by regaining the Punchard Cup from Gloucestershire. Then onto the Isle of Wight for four more wins and such an enjoyable long weekend that I announced on the coach for the return journey that "I don't want to go home!" as the action progressed, we travelled far afield, mostly by coach, to Southampton, Exeter, Birmingham, Melksham and Witney, all providing splendid bowling clubs as a reward for the journey. The best green of all was at Meon Valley BC. A perfect draw on both hands in both directions. When we finally played at home, we recorded an outstanding win against Monmouthshire at Bristol St. Andrews and the President (reasonably accepted as being a bit of a handicap) celebrated still further by being on the highest winning rink! At Solihull Municipal the game on my rink threw up every feature a game of bowls can include and my opposing President skipping was an absolute genius, taking our shots away from us end after end. Over the summer we didn't record many victories but the group of players who supported the Associations friendly matches bonded into a really friendly and happy group.

Two more features stand out. First, the City & County has voted to become unified and the match played at our Club on 21<sup>st</sup> August was the first ever official mixed match for the Association. The weather was perfect, bowls was the winner on the Green and Beattie and her helpers provided a lovely meal to make it a very memorable occasion. I hope my legacy from this year will be that I set the City & County on the road to mixed bowls.

The Second feature, Finals Day at Page Park on 18<sup>th</sup> September with Olveston so strongly represented and successful in the Pairs, 2 wood singles and 4 wood singles. What a thrill to present the cups to my Club friends after watching some really marvellous bowling. Praise to for the host club for the tremendous effort they put into their facilities and catering throughout the day, blessed by lovely weather.

All that remains now is the luncheon at Bristol Indoor BC on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October when I shall have the pleasure of welcoming the Lord Mayor of Bristol and the Presidents (male & female) of Somerset, adding real prestige to the occasion. I hope our club will be well represented to collect all the trophies for display in our splendid new cabinet.

As I bow out of what I anticipate will be my final bowls appointment I do hope our members, especially female, will be encouraged to give their support to the City & County in 2023. The Association will welcome you all.

Derek

